

## Mason Co. ATC Participates in Open World Program

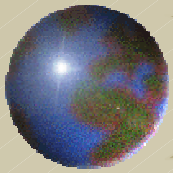
Jeremy McCloud, Mason Co. ATC principal welcomed eight Russian visitors to his school by participating in the Russian Leadership Program (RLP) “Open World Program.” The Russian guests were in Maysville from October 11-11-19, 2003.

The RLP was created in 1999 to help foster a mutual exchange of ideas and opinions among political leaders and citizens of Russia and the United States and to improve relations with a new generation of Russian political leaders. The Library of Congress was asked by Congress to administer the RLP as a pilot program. Since its inception, over 5,000 Russian leaders have been hosted in the United States for seven- to to 10-day visits.

McCloud attributes an area technology center visit and synopsis of technical education for his visitors to Dr. Augusta Julian, president of the Maysville Community College.



McCloud, far right, takes Russian guests inside the the Mason Co. ATC state-of-the-art paint booth.

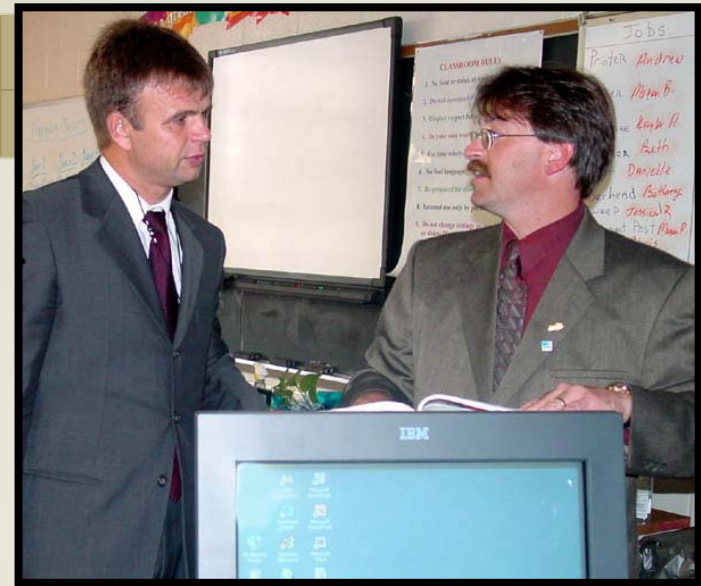


**McCloud explains the business technology program to Konstantin Leshchankin, university professor and president of a Russian foundation.**

“Dr. Julian has been extremely cooperative in working with us on this and other education activities,” says McCloud. “She treats us as an education partner and we all complement one another.”

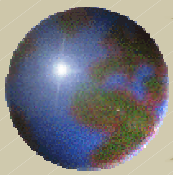
The entire project became a reality because of the Maysville Chapter of the American Association of University Women. As a member, Dr. Julian supported the philosophy of the group in that they wanted to provide an overview of the system of education in the area.

“We submitted a written proposal of activities to the Open World Program for approval and were accepted,” says Julian. “I know our visitors were very impressed with our educational systems and staff and especially the technology. I think their visit will be very beneficial to them.”



Health Science Teacher Mary Whalen explains CPR to Elena Zapletina, an office administrator.





**Top: Automotive Technology Instructor Larry Fetters explains how to use a Snap-On Scanner.**

“We were delighted to be part of the whole RLP education day process,” says McCloud. “It was my pleasure to host our Russian friends at the ATC because it gave us an opportunity to provide them with information on technical education and skills training. They especially enjoyed touring the labs.”



**Bottom: Auto Body Repair Instructor Jason Calvert displays and discusses the work of one of his students.**

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